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Note by the President of the Security Council

The members of the Security Council have agreed that the newly elected members of the Council will be invited to attend the informal consultations of the whole, as well as both formal and informal meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council, for a period of one month immediately preceding their term of membership (that is, with effect from 1 December). Delegations should respect the confidentiality of those discussions.

The members of the Security Council also agreed that, if an incoming member will be assuming the Presidency of the Council in the first two months of its term on the Council, it will be invited to attend the informal consultations of the whole for the period of two months immediately preceding its term of membership (that is, with effect from 1 November).

The members of the Security Council further agreed that each of those incoming member delegations should be represented at the level of Permanent Representative or Deputy Permanent Representative at informal consultations of the whole and by any one member of the delegation at formal and informal meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Council. For that purpose, one seat will be assigned to each delegation at the side of the room.

The Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies of the Security Council should not otherwise deviate from Council practice with regard to attendance by incoming members without guidance from the Council.

The present note supersedes the note by the President of the Security Council of 22 November 2002 (S/2002/1276).

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